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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

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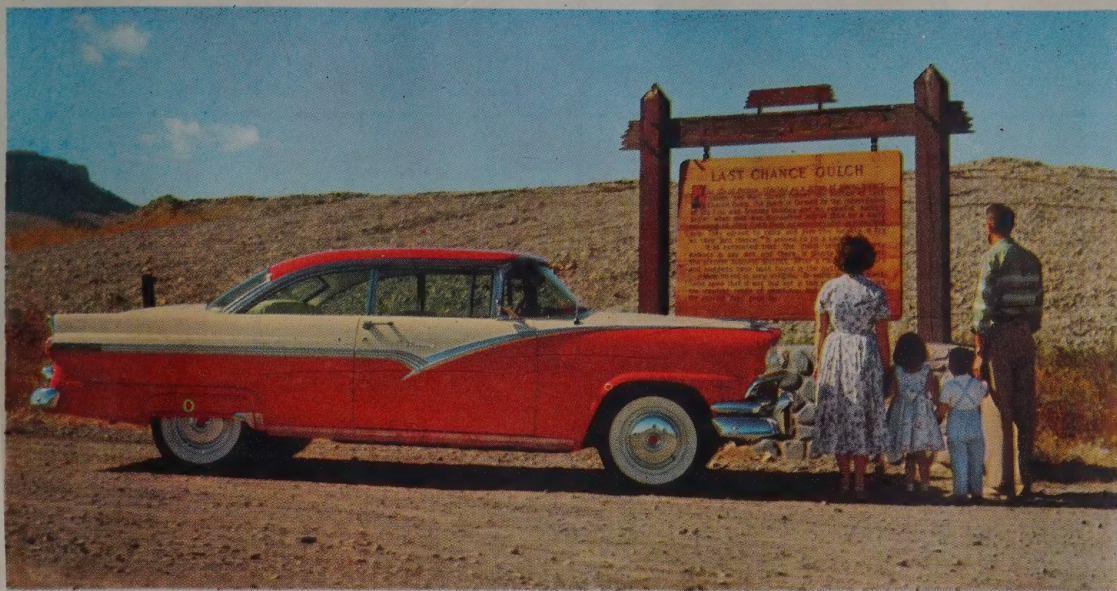
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MONTANA'S HISTORICAL MARKERS

U. S. 2

Fort Union — 4 mi. E. Bainville
 Fort Peck Reservation —
 At Poplar
 Wolf Point — 1 mi. W.
 Wolf Point
 Buffalo Country — 6 mi.
 W. Glasgow
 Sleeping Buffalo Rock and
 Cree Crossing — 14 mi.
 W. Saco
 Cattle Brands — 1 mi. E. Malta
 Early Day Outlaws — 4 mi.
 W. Malta
 Fort Belknap Reservation — 6
 mi. E. Harlem
 Battle of Bear's Paw —
 At Chinook
 Havre — 1 mi. E. Havre
 Sweet Grass Hills — 6 mi.
 E. Chester
 Oily Boid Gets The Woim — 2
 mi. E. Shelby
 Blackfeet Nation — 1 mi.
 E. Browning
 Bad Rock Canyon — 2 mi.
 E. Columbia Falls
 Kootenai River — 7 mi. E. Troy

U. S. 10

Pierre Wibaux — 4 mi.
 E. Wibaux
 Glendive — 1 mi. W. Glendive
 Powder River — 7 mi. W. Terry
 Tongue River — 1 mi. W.
 Miles City
 Cattle Brands — 3 mi.
 W. Hathaway
 Rosebud River — 2 mi.
 W. Rosebud
 Buffalo and Indians — 2 mi.
 E. Sanders
 Junction Big Horn and Yellow-
 stone Rivers — 1 mi. W.
 Big Horn
 Junction — At Custer
 Pompey's Pillar — 2 mi. W.
 Pompey's Pillar
 Sacrifice Cliff — 1 mi. E.
 Billings
 Captain William Clark — 7
 mi. W. Laurel
 William Thomas — 3 mi.
 E. Greycliff
 Bonanza or Bozeman Trail —
 At Big Timber

John M. Bozeman — 14 mi.
 E. Livingston
 Bozeman Pass — 13 mi.
 W. Livingston
 Gallatin Valley — 3 mi.
 E. Bozeman
 Three Forks of the Missouri —
 1 mi. E. Three Forks
 First Discovery of Gold in
 Montana — 8 mi. W. Garrison
 Bear Mouth — 1 mi. W.
 Bearmouth
 Junction of Hell Gate and
 Big Blackfoot Rivers —
 At Milltown
 Hell Gate and Missoula — 3
 mi. E. Missoula
 Mullan Road — 2 mi. E.
 DeBorgia
 Holocaust — 2 mi. W. Saltese

U. S. 10-A

Anaconda — 3 mi. E. Anaconda
 Atlantic Cable Quartz Lode —
 12 mi. W. Anaconda
 Southern Flint Creek Valley —
 1 mi. S. Hall
 Flathead Indians — 1 mi.
 W. Ravalli
 Thompson Falls — 1 mi. E.
 Thompson Falls

U. S. 10-N

Thar's Gold In Them Thar
 Hills — 8 mi. N. Townsend
 Mullan Road — 2 mi.
 E. Elliston

U. S. 10-S

Lewis and Clark Expedition —
 10 mi. E. Whitehall
 Father DeSmet — 10 mi.
 E. Whitehall
 Butte — 1 mi. W. Butte
 Deer Lodge Valley — 5 mi.
 S. Deer Lodge

U. S. 12

Powder River — 29 mi. E.
 Miles City
 Red Lodge Country — 3 mi.
 N. Red Lodge
 Cooke City — At Cooke

U. S. 87

Fort C. F. Smith — 1 mi. S.
 Lodge Grass

Garryowen — At Garryowen
 Crow Indians — 1 mi. S.
 Crow Agency
 Buffalo Country — 10 mi.
 W. Hardin
 Cow Country — 1 mi. W.
 Roundup
 Fort Maginnis — 14 mi.
 E. Lewistown
 Judith Basin Country — 1 mi.
 W. Lewistown
 Judith River — 1 mi. W. Hobson
 Black Eagle Falls — At
 Great Falls
 Fort Benton — 2 mi. N.
 Fort Benton
 Maria's River — 1 mi. S. Loma
 Fort Assiniboine — 6 mi.
 S. Havre

U. S. 89

Emigrant Gulch — 29 mi.
 N. Gardiner
 Shields River Valley — 3 mi.
 S. Wilsall
 Smith River Valley — 8 mi.
 S. White Sulphur Springs
 Blackfeet and Buffalo — 5 mi.
 N. Choteau
 Captain Meriwether Lewis —
 10 mi. N. Dupuyer

U. S. 91

Oregon Trail — 9 mi. S.
 Armstead
 Lewis and Clark — 1 mi.
 N. Armstead
 Bannack — 11 mi. S. Dillon
 Big Hole River — 2 mi.
 N. Melrose
 Meaderville — 3 mi. N. Butte
 Mining Country — 1 mi.
 N. Basin
 Freighters — 2 mi. N. Jefferson
 City
 Prickley Pear Diggins — 5 mi.
 S. Helena
 Last Chance Gulch — 1 mi.
 N. Helena
 Gates of the Mountains — 15
 mi. N. Helena
 Missouri River Canyon — 16
 mi. S. Cascade
 Whooop-Up Trail — 3 mi.
 N. Conrad

U. S. 93

Alexander Ross — At Sula
 Rocky Mountain Laboratory —
 At Hamilton
 Fort Owen — 2 mi. N.
 Stevensville
 Traveler's Rest — 1 mi. S. Lolo
 Jocko Valley — 2 mi. S. Arlee
 Mission Valley — 1 mi. S.
 St. Ignatius
 Fort Connah — 6 mi. N.
 St. Ignatius
 Tobacco Plains — 1 mi.
 S. Eureka

U. S. 191

Targhee Pass — 9 mi. W.
 West Yellowstone

U. S. 212

Southeastern Montana — At
 Broadus

U. S. 310

Jim Bridger, Mountain Man —
 2 mi. S. Bridger

STATE ROUTES

Mont. 1 — Reynold's Pass —
 34 mi. S. Ennis
 Mont. 6 — Crazy Mountains —
 4 mi. W. Harlowton
 Mont. 7 — Ekalaka — 1 mi.
 N. Ekalaka
 Mont. 18 — Indian Country —
 1 mi. W. Jordan
 Mont. 18 — Fort Musselshell —
 2 mi. E. Mosby
 Mont. 20 — Fort Shaw —
 1 mi. W. Fort Shaw
 Mont. 23-N — Old Fort
 Gilbert — 5 mi. N. Sidney
 Mont. 24 — Old Fort Peck —
 1 mi. W. Fort Peck
 Mont. 33 — Sun River —
 3 mi. N. Augusta
 Mont. 34 — Virginia City —
 At Virginia City
 Mont. 34 — Nevada City —
 1 mi. W. Virginia City
 Mont. 34 — Ruby Valley —
 2 mi. S. Alder
 Mont. 34 — Robbers Roost —
 5 mi. S. Sheridan
 Mont. 41 — Jefferson Valley —
 5 mi. N. Twin Bridges
 Absarokee-Red Lodge Road —
 Jorgen Elesius Madson —
 5 mi. S. Absarokee

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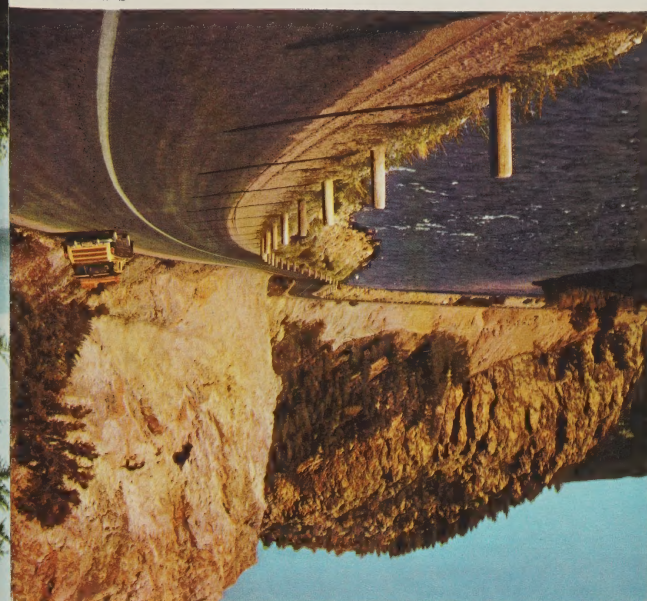
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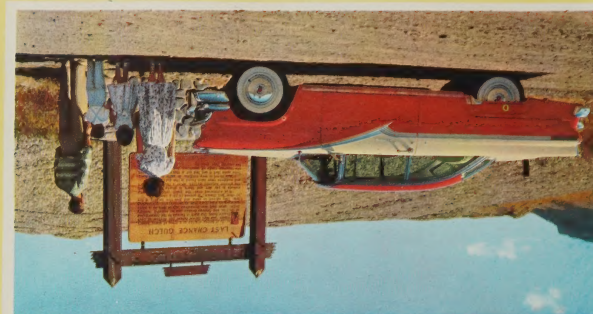
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MONTANA'S VACATION EVENTS

MAY

Guided tours begin, Lewis and Clark Corridor
State Park — Yellowstone Park, Helena — Fishing
season opens — Interscholastic Track and Field
Meet, Missoula — Henry Monte Dam tour begins
— Golf season opens — Canadian Days —
Montana Institute of the Arts Festival

JUNE

Rodeo season begins — Red Lodge-Yellowstone
Scenic Highway opens — Going-to-the-Sun
Highway in Glacier Park opens — Museum of the
Plains Indians opens, Browning — Indian Sun
Dance and Ceremonials — Last Chance tour
begins, Helena

JULY

Fair season begins — Indian Ceremonials and

AUGUST

Annual Fresh Water Trout Derby, Livingston —
Festival of Nations, Red Lodge — Rodeo and
Fair season continues — Indian Celebrations —
Square Dance Jamborees — Horse Shows

SEPTEMBER

Annual Jaycees Trout Derby, Great Falls — Fair
and Rodeo season continues — Hunting season
begins — Harvest Festivals
A calendar of Montana Vacation Events
listing specific dates is available after May 1.
Write Montana Highway Commission, Helena. For
specific fishing and hunting dates, write Montana
Fish and Game Department, Helena.

Cover Scenes

Front: Bull Lake, southwest of Libby, is one of many mountain gems of the Christmas Tree Country in
Montana's northwest corner.
Back: The Big Hole River, paralleling Montana 43 in southwestern Montana, is one of the nation's famous
trout streams.



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MONTANA INDIANS

The Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes
Fort Peck Reservation
Headquarters at Poplar

The Blackfeet Tribe
Blackfeet Reservation
Headquarters at Browning

The Chippewa Cree Tribe
Rocky Boy's Reservation
Headquarters at Box Elder

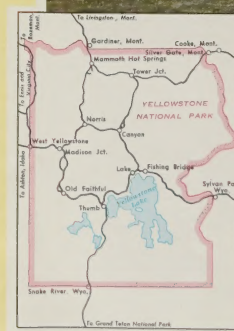
The Confederated Salish and
Kootenai Tribes
Flathead Reservation
Headquarters at Dixon

The Crow Tribe
Crow Reservation
Headquarters at Crow Agency

The Fort Belknap Indian Community
Fort Belknap Reservation
Headquarters at Harlem

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Northern Cheyenne Reservation
Headquarters at Lame Deer

Miss Indian America of 1955 — "Shining
Water Woman" — Rita Ann McLaughlin
of Crow Agency, Montana.



YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Nature's wonderland, world-famous for spouting geysers,
steaming pools, mountains, canyons, streams and lakes,
forests and waterfalls, Yellowstone National Park
comprises 2,217,000 acres of scenic beauty.

In the heart of dude ranch country, Yellowstone Park
offers fishing, horseback riding, boating, photographing
and relaxing in the midst of magnificent scenery.

Three of the park's five entrances are in Montana. The
north entrance at Gardiner is reached by the historic
Yellowstone River route through Paradise Valley and
Yankee Jim Canyon.

Two scenic highways lead to the west entrance at West
Yellowstone. Along the picturesque Gallatin River, white
water rapids and sparkling blue towering canyon peaks.
Further west, the route along trout-famous Madison
River winds through a pleasant valley, a shady evergreen
forest and along blue Hebgen Lake.

The spectacular Red Lodge-Cooke City Highway to
the park's northeast entrance climbs to 11,000 feet in the
Beartooth Mountains. Here is some of Montana's most
rugged beauty — purple canyons, white glaciers, rushing
streams, sparkling lakes, larch glorious with wildflowers,
views of vistas as large as all New England.
Park wildlife includes buffalo, moose, elk, deer, antelope, Big Horn sheep and — favorites of all — the grizzly and
black bears. Fish found in park waters (no fishing license required) are cutthroat, rainbow, loach, leaven and brook trout.
Yellowstone Park, established by Congress in 1872, is the largest of the national parks.
Accommodations are available in the park from about May 10 to October 15. On the edges of the park, accom-
modations are available all year.



MONTANA WELCOMES YOU

We invite you to see all of Montana — to share our wealth of recreation opportunities and to enjoy the beauty of our mountains, forests, badlands, lakes and streams. We offer you a great variety of scenic splendor and true western hospitality.

Drive carefully and come often.

Sincerely yours,

J. Hugo Aronson
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Governor of Montana

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND SAFETY RULES

1. Montana speed limits: reasonable and prudent to existing conditions in the day time; 55 miles per hour during the hours when lights are required, except where zoned and posted. No truck shall be operated at a speed greater than 45 miles per hour.

2. Vehicles entering main highways from side road or drive must yield right-of-way to vehicles traveling main highways.

3. Vehicles must drive to right of center line at all times except when passing another car. Never pass on hills or curves. Be sure you can see far enough ahead to make a safe passing.



4. Proper signal must be given when passing another vehicle, changing direction, stopping or slowing down on the highway. Sound horn to warn the car ahead you are going to pass; left turn, left hand and arm extended horizontally; right turn, left hand and arm extended upward; stop or slow down, left arm extended downward. Mechanical and electrical turn indicators are legal.

5. Obey all warning signs, such as School Zone, Stop, Slow, Danger, Curve, Yield Right-of-Way, and others.

6. Never drive at a speed greater than that at which you can stop in the clear road visible ahead. Slow down at night or when the road is wet or icy.

7. When approaching another car from either the front or rear, dim your lights. Don't be afraid to dim first. Courtesy promotes safety.

8. Slow down when approaching any child, pedestrian, bicycle, livestock, parked car, or other obstruction on the highway. Be prepared for the unexpected.

9. Don't stop or park on the main-traveled portion of the highway, especially on hills or curves. Pull out on the shoulder. It's safer for you and other cars.

10. Make a written report to the Highway Patrol of all accidents resulting in death, personal injury, or property damage of an apparent extent of \$25.00 or more.

11. Be careful. An alert, careful driver is the best insurance against accidents.

12. PREVENT FOREST FIRES — USE YOUR ASH TRAY.

TIPS FOR TRAILER OWNERS

Montana highway regulations provide that no combination of auto and trailer shall exceed 60 ft. in length, or 94 ft. in total outside width, or 13 ft. 6 in. in height. Trailers should carry red lights to the rear; green, amber or white lights to the front and amber side lights.

Principal mountain passes in Montana are:

Lookout Pass — U. S. 10 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 4,738. Oiled, water stops.

MacDonald Pass — U. S. 10-N. west of Helena. El. 6,325. Oiled, water stops.

Pipestone Pass — U. S. 10-S. east of Butte. El. 6,418. Oiled, water stops.

Boxman Pass — U. S. 10 east of Bozeman. El. 6,002. Oiled.

Marias Pass — U. S. 2 west of East Glacier. El. 5,214. Oiled, water stops.

Logan Pass — Glacier Park's Going-to-the-Sun Highway. El. 6,664. Not advised for large trailers.

Red Lodge-Yellowstone Highway — U. S. 12. El. 10,940. Not advised for large trailers.

Kings Hill — U. S. 89 north of White Sulphur Springs. El. 7,393. Part not oiled.

Elk Park Pass — U. S. 91 northeast of Butte. El. 6,372. Oiled, water stops.

Monida Pass — U. S. 91 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 6,823. Oiled. Easy grade.

Targhee Pass — U. S. 191 and 20 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 7,078. Oiled. Easy grade.

Lost Trail Pass — U. S. 93 at Montana-Idaho border. El. 6,951. Oiled.

Gibbons Pass — Montana 43, east of Lost Trail Pass. El. 6,995. Not oiled. Not advised for trailers.

Rogers Pass — Montana 20 east of Lincoln. El. 5,609. Part not oiled. Not advised for trailers.

Skullhook Pass — Montana 38 east of Hamilton. El. 7,258. Not oiled. Not advised for trailers.

MONTANA ROADS OPEN FOR WINTER TRAVEL



Modern maintenance equipment enables Montana to keep all primary roads (shown in red) open during winter months except for very short periods during or immediately after a severe storm. Make local inquiry regarding conditions during storms. Carry chains and a shovel. Reduce speed.

All main highway passes are kept open all winter. Passes that are closed to traffic for several months are:

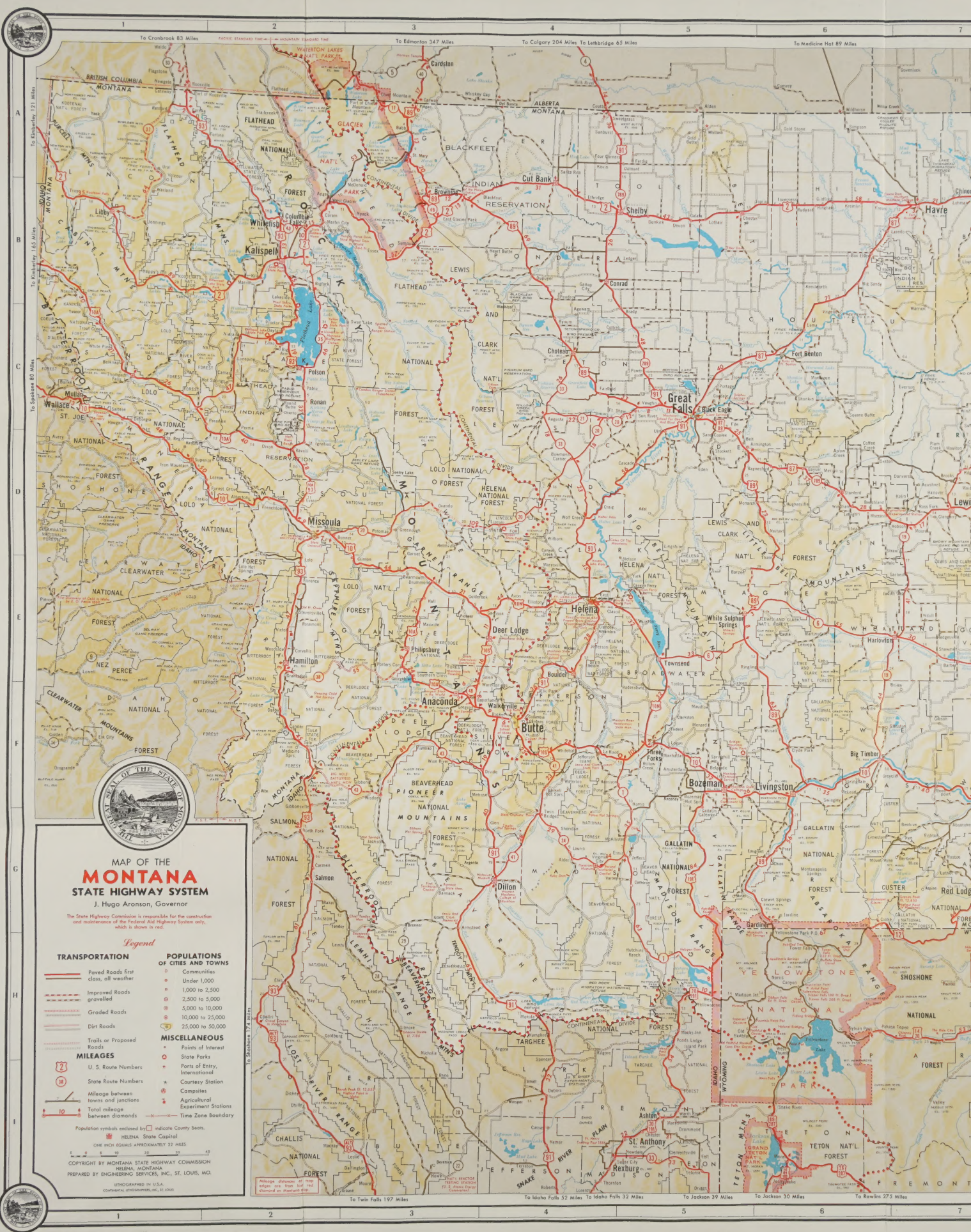
Red Lodge-Yellowstone Highway on U. S. 12, from 12 miles south of Red Lodge over Bearfoot Plateau.

Skullhook Pass on Montana 38 between Anaconda and Hamilton.

Gibbons Pass on Montana 43 from 2 miles north of Wisdom to U. S. 93.

Logan Pass in Glacier National Park, closed from about Oct. 15 to June 1.

Yellowstone National Park roads subject to closure after Oct. 15, except for Gardiner-Cooke road via Mammoth which remains open year around.



Population: 591,024 (1950 Census) Area: 146,316 sq. miles

1950 Census
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14	F-8	Galen, 220	E-3	Paradise, 300
at. 3	D-7	Gallatin Gateway, 200	G-5	Park City, 450
m. 13	C-4	Cardinal, 602	O-6	Bozeman, 125

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